(a) the number of persons displaced as a result of land acquisition by the Railways in District Drug for the construction of railway line, godowns, residential houses etc. during the last five years;

(b) whether there was any proposal to give employment to the displaced persons;

(c) if so, the number of persons employed accordingly; and

(d) by what time the remaining persons are likely to be employed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*Translation*]

Expansion of Bhuntar Airport, Himachal Pradesh

5400. PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand the Bhuntar Airport in Kulu for promoting tourism;

(b) if so, the time by which work is likely to be started in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Existence of a river very close to the airstrip does not permit extension of the runway at Bhuntar Airport.

[*English*]

Loco Workshop Dahod

5401. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start the work of Electric Loco Rehabilitation at Loco Workshop (Dahod), Western Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The work of Electric Loco Rehabilitation at Loco Workshop Dahod, Western Railway has already been sanctioned in 1990-91 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 20.00 crores. The detailed plans and estimates for the work are under preparation.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Starting of Chhatisgarh Express from Raigarh

5402. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start Amritsar Bilaspur (Chhatisgarh Express) train either from Raigarh or Jharsuguda for the convenience of tribals; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.